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SUBJ: SECURITY - EMPEROR'S VISIT TO U.S.

1. IN VIEW OF JAPANESE EMPEROR'S UPCOMING VISIT TO U.S. AND OF RECENT THREATS AGAINST SWEDES, JAPANESE AND CANADIANS MADE BY JRA, DCM INVITED JAPANESE MINISTER, AND SWEDISH AND CANADIAN CHARGES TO MEET IN OUR EMBASSY. NOTING THAT ALL FOUR OF US HAD CHANCERIES IN THE AIA BUILDING, HE SUGGESTED THAT THE FOUR CONSIDER JOINT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. THERE SEEMED TO BE TWO PROBLEMS: THE QUESTION OF WHAT MEASURES COULD BE TAKEN BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF JAPANESE EMPEROR'S VISIT, AND THE LONGER TERM QUESTION OF PERMANENT PROTECTION OF OFFICES OF ALL FOUR MISSIONS.

2. THE JAPANESE MINISTER REPORTED THAT THE GOM HAD ALREADY AGREED TO FURNISH HIS MISSION FAIRLY EXTENSIVE POLICE PROTECTION THROUGH
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OCTOBER 15. IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE FOLLOWING

DAY, REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL FOUR MISSIONS WOULD VISIT THE K.L. CHIEF OF POLICE TO REVIEW THESE PRECAUTIONS AND TO SEE WHAT MORE COULD BE DONE. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE OTHERS, WOULD INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING FROM THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT ALLOCATION OF ONE ELEVATOR ON A PERMANENT BASIS SERVING EXCLUSIVELY THE FOUR DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, USING A SINGLE LOBBY ENTRANCE TO ELEVATOR WHERE THERE COULD BE A SECURITY CHECK OF PEOPLE USING THE ELEVATOR.

3. ON SEPTEMBER 19, DCM ACCOMPANIED BY JAPANESE MINISTER AND TWO CHARGES, WENT TO CHIEF OF POLICE WHO REVIEWED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS TO BE PUT INTO EFFECT FOR DURATION OF EMPEROR'S VISIT. THERE ARE NOW THREE MALAYSIAN PLAIN-CLOTHESMEN IN THE WAITING ROOM OF THE JAPANESE CHANCERY. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE TWO POLICEMEN IN UNIFORM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIA BUILDING AND A "LARGE NUMBER" OF PLAIN-CLOTHESMEN DISGUISED AS CHAUFFEURS AND HANGERS-ON IN TMXQVICINITY. HE WAS ALSO PLACING ONE UNIFORMED POLICEMAN IN THE JAPANESE INFORMATION CENTER, INSTITUTING PATROL IN VICIMBTY JAPANESE RESIDENCE, AND HAD ASSIGNED TWO POLICE IN CAR ON A 24-HOUR BASIS TO FOLLOW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR. THERE WILL ALSO BE VVTROLS IN COCINITY OF JAPANESE SCHOOLS IN K.L. AND PENANG. (JAPANESE ALSO HAVE HIRED EXTRA GUARDS FOR THESE SCHOOLS.)

4. IN DISCUSSING WHAT MORE MIGHT BE DONE, POLICE CHIEF SAID THAT AS TIME FOR VISIT APPROACHED HE WOULD PLACE COMMUNICATIONS VAN IN BASEMENT OF AIA BUILDING SO THERE COULD BE DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH POLICE HEADQUARTERS, AND HE WOULD ASSIGN AN ADDITIONAL UNIFORMED PATROLMAN AT REAR OF BUILDING. HE ACCEPTED SUGGESTION THAT ROVING PATROLS BE PLACED AROUND HOMES OF OTHER THREE CHIEFS OF MISSION AND SEEMED TO ACCEPT SUGGESTION THAT ONE ARMED UNIFORMED POLICEMAN WITH WALKIE TALKIE BE ASSIGNED

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TO SUPPLEMENT CONTRACT WATCHMAN AT AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, AND THAT AMBASSADOR HAVE GUARDS TO FOLLOW CAR DURING PERIOD EMPEROR IS ACTUALLY IN U.S. HE THEN SAID HE WOULD WORK OUT HIS FINAL PLANS AND ASKED GROUP TO RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 29 FOR FINAL RUNDOWN AND COORDINATION OF EFFORTS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT TOOK THREAT OF TERRORISTS AGAINST DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, AND PARTICULARLY AGAINST

THOSE FOUR IN THE AIA BUILDING, VERY SERIOUSLY.
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